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Following is the legend to the sketch on page 4:

- The Okrug (Regional) and Grad Finance Administration on Stalin Street. This building was a two-storied stucco structure in a row block.
- 2. Grad and Okrug National Council of Workers' Deputies, a three-story stude building, 70x60x15m; it had a flat sheet-metal roof and was located on Red Square.
- 3. The State Security Administration (Derzhavna Sigurnost) building was located at Stalin Street #55, across the the street from the Okrug Administration of the MVR. The building was a two-storied stucco row house. (See page 5 for a sketch of the shoulder boards worn by the lieutenant colonel in charge of this office.)
- 4. The Okrug Administration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MVR) controlled all police functions in Ruse Okrug. These offices were located at Stalin Street #56. The building was two-storled, stuccoed and L-shaped; the long wing was 30x10x8m, while the short wing was 15x10x8m. This administration contained four sections:
  - a. The Administrative section issued visas for travel abroad, "Open Letters" (Otkrit List) for border zone travel, personal documentation, and licenses to carry arms or purchase ammunition. This section also maintained an address index of Ruse residents. The chief of section was Vangel Kristev, 38 years old, 170cm tall, brown hair, married, and medium weight; he was a partisan during World War II.

- b. Criminal Section.
- c. Special Police Section guarded state buildings, banks, and factories in addition to performing ordinary city police functions.
- d. KAT (Kontrol Avtomobilniy Transport) Vehicular Control Section checked drivers' licenses, safety devices (brakes, horns, etc.), and ensured that hitchhikers did not ride in trucks; only buses were permitted to carry passengers. This building also housed the offices of the 2nd Grad Administration of the MVR. (See page 5 for shoulder boards worn by personnel working in this building.)
- 5. Headquarters of the Okrug, Okoliya, and Grad committees of Dimitrov's Union of the People's Youth (Dimitrovski Sayuz na Narodnata Mladezh DSNM) were housed in a two-story stucco building, 30-35-20x8m.

In addition to the above offices, the building also had the offices of the Ruse Okrug Aeroclub which organized volunteer youth for training with gliders and parachute jumping. Although source could not pinpoint the location of the aeroclub's training field, he heard that it was about seven kilometers southeast of Ruse. Also, that the airfield had two small bi-planes which were used for jumping exercises; however, source had no information on the gliders used or the jump training. This aeroclub began this operation in June 1954. Prior to that time, the club built only model aircraft. Similar aeroclubs were located in all okrug centers throughout Bulgaria. All of these aeroclubs belonged to the Voluntary Organization for Defense Assistance (Dobrovolna Organizatiya za Sudiestvie na Otbrana - DOSO); the chief of the aeroclub was a Bulgarian Air Force first lieutenant. The Grad Council of DOSO also maintained headquarters in this building. In 1954, the Grad Council's representative was Krum Ganchev, 40 years old, 172 cm tall, brown hair and eyes, married, and with an eight-year-old son. Ganchev was a member of the Party.

- 6. The Okoliya Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party was housed in a two-storied stucco row house, directly across the street from Point 5.
- 7. Okoliya Council of Workers' Deputies had offices in a two-story stucced building, 25x20x8m.
- 8. The administration building for Okrug and Grad Telegraph, Telephone, Postal Service, and Radio was a two-story stuccoed building 70x35x10m; it was located on 9th of September Square.
- 9. The Ruse Okrug Court was in a two-story building 35x15x10m.
- 10. The jail, located at Vezhen Street, #2 was a single-storied stucco building 30x60x6m; this was only a temporary jail.
- 11. The first Grad Administration of the MVR was one of the three police stations in Ruse. (See Points 4 and 20 for the location of the other two stations.) Approximately 25 police were assigned to this station. The building, 15x10x8m, was two-storied and stuccoed.
- 12. The Okrug Directorate for Cereal Collection which distributed, stored, and exported grain.

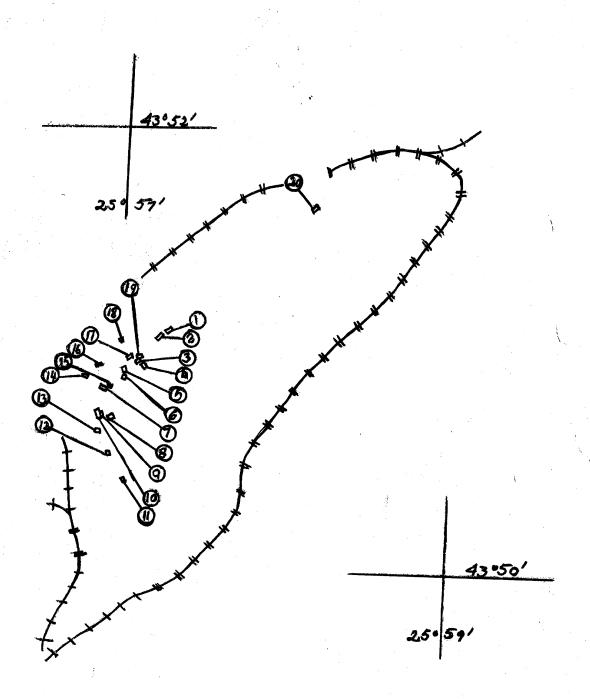
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- 13. The Peoples' Court, located at Ryla Street #8 in a two-story stucco row house.
- 14. The Customs House, located at Tsar Kaloyan Street #1 was a two-storied stucco L-shaped building; each wing measured about 20x10x8m.
- 15. The Okoliya Finance Administration, a two-story stuccoed row house.
- 16. The Rumanian Consulate, a two-story stuccoed building located at Dimiter Blagoyev #2.
- 17. The Okrug and Grad Committee of the Communist Party was located on Pirot Fr et; he filding was a three-storied stucco structure which measured 60x20x12m.
- 18. The Soviet Consulate, located at Veliko Ternovo Street #2, was a two-storied brick building measuring 20x20x7m.
- 19. The Okoliya Administration of the MVR on Pirot Street was housed in a two-story row house.
- 20. The Third Grad Administration of the MVR was in a two-storied stucco building, lOxlox8m, and was located on Vyzrazhdane Allee.

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## BULGARIAN SHOULDERBOARDS (See Pts #3 and #4)

